

## AMERICAN TROOPS IN MEXICO—CENSORS WITHHOLD NEWS OF MOVEMENTS

Douglas, Ariz., March 15.—Authoritative information reported to have been received at Camp Douglas that a division of American expedition had started from Cusbertson's ranch for Mexican border. Nothing here to indicate that actual invasion of Mexico had begun.

Washington, March 15.—Rigid border censorship led to belief here that Gen. Pershing's forces were already on Mexican soil or would be before day is ended. Believed news will be withheld until troops are well into the interior.

Opinion is also growing that co-operation instead of opposition will be Carranza policy. Reports from all parts of border indicate anti-American sentiment is greatly allayed by concessions given Carranza in reciprocal border-crossing agreement. Inflammatory reports that Carranza troops were massing to oppose Americans given little credence.

Congress prepared today to complete legislation adding approximately 20,000 enlisted men to army, raising it to its full strength and providing additional border patrols. Administration leaders hope senate will pass today Hay emergency resolution passed late yesterday by the house increasing army by 19,947 men.

Carranzista agency here believes Carranzistas already have Villa practically surrounded in trap offering little chance of escape and may capture him before U. S. forces are brought into action.

El Paso, Tex., March 15.—Ironclad censorship that refuses to confirm or deny report that Machita, N. M., was captured by Carranza troops gave rise to belief that American expedition after Villa was about to move. Believed troops will be in Mexico many hours before war correspondents will be allowed to send details of movements.

Latest report today that Villa was near Galeana district moving toward American Mormon colonies. Gen. Luis Guiterrez due to leave Juarez today for Chihuahua City personally to lead Carranzista pursuit of outlaw. Stated he hoped to run down bandit leader in 10 days. Carranzistas have not given up hope that their activity toward capturing Villa will prevent or at least postpone American expedition.

U. S. army believes it will be months before Villa will be run down. Soldiers counting on long campaign and possibly a year or two work if Carranza troops oppose American "invasion."

Preparations for campaign going forward on large scale. Trainloads of provisions and equipment moving through El Paso from eastern points for Columbus during past 24 hours.

Reported small bands of Villistas looted several ranches west of El Paso. American train east of El Paso fired on by Carranza sympathizers.

Mexican newspaper printed in El Paso became so belligerent in their tone that 3 were suppressed by police.

Every foot of El Paso and North-western railroad and its tunnels and bridges heavily guarded to prevent Mexicans dynamiting.

Villista band dashed into New Mexico last night and looted houses in outskirts of Hachita. Local police were misinformed that large Carranzista force had captured town. Quiet prevailed in Hachita today.

El Paso, March 15.—Carranzistas have evacuated Palomas, Mexico, south of Columbus. Gen. Bertani said to be leading his 1,000 Carranzistas to Guzman, Mexico.

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Baptist church, Houston av. and E. 19th, and four dwellings threatened with destruction by fire. Loss \$10,000. Six narrowly escape death.